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a first mounting head section having a plurality of rotatably supported component suction nozzles, wherein the first head section can rotate the component suction nozzles for successively picking up the plural components at one of the component supply tables by suction, thereafter the first mounting head section is moved to a board positioned at the board mounting position, and thereafter the plural picked-up components are successively mounted onto the board while the first mounting head section is moved in first and second directions which are perpendicular to each other,

wherein the first direction is perpendicular to a direction in which the board is transferred, and the second direction is located along the board transfer direction; and

a second mounting head section having a plurality of rotatable component suction nozzles, wherein the second head section is capable of rotating the component suction nozzles for successively picking up the plural components at the other of the component supply tables by suction, thereafter the second mounting head section moves the component suction nozzles to the board positioned at the board mounting position, and thereafter the plural picked-up components are successively mounted onto the board while the second mounting head moves in third and fourth directions which are perpendicular to each other,

wherein the third direction is parallel to the first direction, and the fourth direction is parallel to the second direction but is not necessarily the same as the second direction,

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wherein each of the first and second mounting head sections is independently moveable between the component supply table and the board, and the first mounting head section is capable of mounting the plural picked-up components onto the board while the second mounting head section successively sucks to pick up the plural components at the other of the component supply tables.

Concluded

18. (Twice Amended)

A component mounting apparatus comprising:

a pair of component supply tables for accommodating a plurality of components, said component supply tables being arranged on opposite sides of a board mounting position;

a first mounting head section for successively picking up the plural components at one of the component supply tables and thereafter successively mounting the plural picked-up components onto a board, positioned at the board mounting position, while moving in first and second directions which are perpendicular to each other,

wherein the first direction is perpendicular to a direction in which the board is transferred, and the second direction is located along the board transfer direction, and the second direction is located along the board transfer direction; and

a second mounting head section for successively picking up the plural components at the other of the component supply tables and thereafter successively mounting the plural picked-up components onto the board, positioned at the board

mounting position, while moving in third and fourth directions which are perpendicular to each other,

wherein the third direction is parallel to the first direction, and the fourth direction is parallel to the second direction but is not necessarily the same as the second direction,

wherein each of the first and second mounting head sections is independently movable between the component supply table and the board,

wherein one of the first and second mounting head sections has a plurality of rotatably supported component suction nozzles for sucking a plurality of the components prior to a component mounting operation, and the one mounting head section is capable of rotating the component suction nozzles,

wherein the first mounting head section mounts the plural picked-up components onto the board while the second mounting head section successively sucks to pick up a plurality of the components at the other of the component supply tables.

Concluded

24. (Twice Amended) A component mounting apparatus comprising:

a pair of component supply tables for accommodating a plurality of components, said component supply tables being arranged on opposite sides of a board mounting position;

a first mounting head section having a plurality of nozzles that are rotatably supported for successively picking up more than one of the components at one of the

component supply tables and thereafter successively mounting the picked-up components on a board that is positioned at the board mounting position, said first mounting head section being movable in first and second directions which are perpendicular to each other,

wherein the first direction is perpendicular to a direction in which the board is transferred, and the second direction is along the direction in which the board is transferred; and

a second mounting head section having a plurality of component suction nozzles that are rotatably mounted for successively picking up more than one of the components at the other of the component supply tables and thereafter successively mounting the picked-up components on the board, positioned at the board mounting position, while the second mounting head section moves in third and fourth directions which are perpendicular to each other,

63 wherein the third direction is perpendicular to a direction in which the board is transferred, and the fourth direction is along the direction in which the board is transferred;

concluded wherein each of the first and second mounting head sections is independently movable between the component supply tables and the board,

wherein the first mounting head section is capable of mounting the plural picked-up components on the board while the second mounting head section successively picks up the plural components at the other of the component supply tables.

Kindly add the following new claims:

29.(New) The component mounting apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein during at least one operation of the first mounting head section in a component sucking operation and a component mounting operation, the second mounting head section is prevented from moving between the board and the component supply tables.

30.(New) The component mounting apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the first head section includes a first rotary member that is rotatable about a horizontal axis, and the component suction nozzles are mounted on the first rotary member so that each of the component suction nozzles can be selectively and sequentially directed downward to suck a component from one of the component supply tables and mount the sucked components onto the board.

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32.(New) The component mounting apparatus as claimed in claim 18, wherein the first head section includes a first rotary member which is rotatable about a horizontal axis, and the component suction nozzles are mounted on the first rotary member so that

each of the component suction nozzles can be selectively and sequentially directed downward to suck a component from one of the component supply tables and mount the sucked components on the board.

33.(New) The component mounting apparatus as claimed in claim 24, wherein during at least one operation of the first mounting head section in a component sucking operation and a component mounting operation, the second mounting head section is prevented from moving between the board and the component supply tables.

34.(New) The component mounting apparatus as claimed in claim 24, wherein the first head section includes a first rotary member which is rotatable about a horizontal axis, and the component suction nozzles are mounted on the first rotary member so that each of the component suction nozzles can be selectively directed downward to suck a component from one of the component supply tables and mount the sucked components on the board.

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